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**MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY
INTO THE UNITED STATES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that PEDRO ZENON LOPEZ, 36, formerly of Huntingburg, Indiana, was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his March 14, 2006 guilty plea to illegally entering the United States after deportation. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

LOPEZ is a citizen of the country of El Salvador who had been deported from the United States on two previous occasions before he was arrested in Dubois County, Indiana on January 21, 2005. LOPEZ was first deported from the United States on December 14, 1994, after he had been convicted of distribution of illegal drugs in Prince George's County Maryland. LOPEZ's second deportation occurred on May 4, 2001, after he was found in Dubois County, Indiana.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also ordered LOPEZ to submit to deportation proceedings upon completion of his term of imprisonment.

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